



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5405

LCO No. 1909



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING REIMBURSEMENT OF THE COST OF
CERTIFICATION FOR A POLICE OFFICER.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-294dd of the 2016 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) For purposes of this section, "police officer", "certification" and
5 "law enforcement unit" have the same meanings as provided in section
6 7-294a and "cost of certification" means the cost of training, equipment,
7 uniforms, salary and fringe benefits and any cost related to the entry
8 level requirements established by the Police Officer Standards and
9 Training Council associated with the police officer, except that "cost of
10 certification" does not include the cost of any equipment or uniforms
11 that were returned by such officer.

12 (b) Whenever a police officer obtains certification while employed
13 by a law enforcement unit and is subsequently hired by another law
14 enforcement unit on or after [July] October 1, 2016, and within [two]

15 three years of such officer obtaining such certification, the law
16 enforcement unit hiring the police officer shall reimburse the initial
17 law enforcement unit [fifty per cent of] the total cost of certification.
18 The provisions of this section shall not apply to a law enforcement unit
19 that hires a police officer [two] three years or more after such officer
20 obtains certification.

21 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect an agreement
22 between a police officer or a collective bargaining unit and a law
23 enforcement unit entered into prior to [July] October 1, 2016, that
24 provides for the reimbursement of the cost of certification.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	7-294dd
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Statement of Purpose:

To reimburse law enforcement units that pay the cost of certifying a police officer if such officer gains employment with a different law enforcement unit within three years of such officer's certification.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]